

## NEGRO ATTACKS WHITE WOMAN

Screams of Little Daughter Frightened Fiend Away. Now in Jail.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BOWLING GREEN, VA., December 7.—Frank Baylor, colored, twenty-two years old, was arrested Saturday night at a late hour and lodged in jail here, upon a charge of attempted criminal assault upon Mrs. Eugene Howard, a white woman. He was brought before Justice T. D. Coghill on Sunday morning and given a preliminary hearing, and was sent on to await the action of the grand jury which meets next Monday.

Mrs. Howard, who had been making some purchases at a store, was on her way home and had gotten within a few hundred yards of her house, when this negro, Frank Baylor, caught her from behind and carried her into the bushes, where he threw her to the ground. She attempted to scream, when he threw his hands over her mouth. Her nine-year-old daughter, who was a short distance ahead of her, heard her mother mother attempt to cry out, and her screams frightened the fiend away, but not until he had torn her clothes and scratched her.

Mrs. Howard did not know the negro, but noticed him in the store, while she was making some purchases, and she identified him by his clothes.

### NEGRO GOES FREE.

Grand Jury Fails to Indict, in Absence of Chief Witness.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DANVILLE, VA., December 7.—James Stevenson, the negro who was arrested here several weeks ago for robbing Dr. M. A. Baranco, a wealthy Mexican, of \$30 in cash and his gold watch, while he was traveling through this city on his private car, attached to a Southern Railway train, will go free as a result of the failure of Dr. Baranco to appear against him. Dr. Baranco was recognized for his appearance before court at this time, but has telegraphed here that he cannot attend. He is an attaché of the ministry in Mexico, and a nephew of the former Mexican Ambassador to the United States. The grand jury failed to indict Stevenson, but indicted two other negroes for robbing him of the same money he is alleged to have stolen from Dr. Baranco.

### DRAGNET IS OUT.

Alleged Violations of Liquor Laws Being Investigated.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DANVILLE, VA., December 7.—The grand jury of the Corporation Court today began what promises to be an extensive investigation of the alleged violations of the liquor laws in this city, which is dry. There are about 150 witnesses suspected of knowing something of the blind tiger industry, yet to be examined. The police have for some time been watching places suspected of the illicit traffic in whiskey, and securing the names of all visitors, who have been summoned before court. What will result from the dragnet investigation cannot be predicted.

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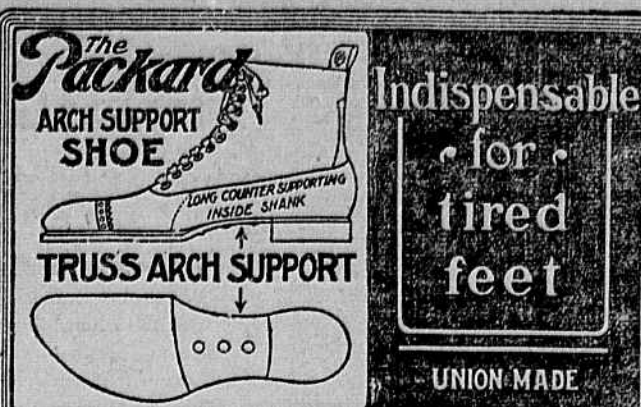
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## News of Petersburg

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Petersburg, Va., December 7.

Responding to rules issued against them, twelve or fourteen leaders of the anti-Tartie faction of the Harrison Street (Colored) Baptist Church, in this city, appeared before Judge Mullen, of the Hustings Court, to show cause, if any, why they should not be punished for contempt, in violating an order, a decree of the court. This decree, which was entered about a year ago in proceedings then pending in court, directed that there should be no interference by any person with the officers of the church in the discharge of their proper duties or with any regular business or other meeting of the church. The rules against the respondents were issued a week or more ago on petition and affidavits presented by leading members of the Tartie faction, alleging frequent and specific violations of the decree in creating such disorder in the church meetings as not only to prevent the transaction of business but practically to break them up.

When the court opened to-day there was a big crowd of negroes in the room, representing the opposing factions. The proceedings were opened on the part of the complainants by the reading of the petition and the affidavits by their counsel, Mr. Paul Pettit, setting forth the alleged violations of the decree.

Mr. Bernard Mann, counsel for the respondents, read their answer to the rules. It was quite a lengthy paper, and made general and specific denial of the allegations against them. The paper showed a Christian spirit

throughout, and declared it to be the desire and hope of the respondents throughout the long continued troubles of the church to have all differences settled in a just and brotherly manner, and to have the church saved from scandal and injury. With this desire before them, the respondents submitted the proposition that the whole matter of the church troubles, which involve the question of retaining Tartie as pastor, the alleged arbitrary expulsion of officers and members, etc., be submitted to the First (White) Baptist Church in this city, or a committee of that church, for investigation and settlement, both factions to agree to abide by their decision.

Judge Mullen thought this proposition a most excellent one. He suggested as a qualification that each of the two factions should get together and try to settle the troubles. If they could not agree, they should select an impartial third party to aid them. The judge did not believe that an orderly settlement of the factions could be held without the third element.

Mr. Pettit, for the complainants, declared that all that his people wanted was an orderly meeting and a fair vote. He expressed his willingness to have Mr. Mann, counsel for the respondents, preside at and conduct such meeting, but Mr. Mann promptly declined such honor, saying that he is not a Baptist, and is not familiar with the laws and regulations governing Baptist Churches.

Mr. Mann asked for the dismissal of the rules against the respondents, but this the court declined to do, because in these proceedings a decree of the court is involved. After some discussion the cases were continued over until Friday next, and the opportunity given to the factions to consider the suggestions as above submitted and agree on a plan for a final and orderly settlement of all troubles.

### Death of Octogenarian.

Mrs. Nancy Lucas, a highly esteemed lady, died yesterday at the venerable age of eighty years, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Major Jefferson, on West High Street. She is survived by four daughters and one son—Mrs. Major Jefferson, Miss Pennie Lucas and Mr. Wiley Lucas—of this city.

Dr. Robert Gilliam, Sr., member of the general hospital board, left for Lynchburg to-night, on business connected with the board.

In the Police Court this morning, Fannie Norman, a negro, was fined \$25 for disorderly conduct on a street car. Because she was unable to secure a seat on a crowded car, she refused to pay her fare of five cents and became insolent and abusive to the conductor, standing at him with her umbrella when the car was stopped to put her off.

### Election of Officers.

Washington Street Christian Church yesterday elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Elders—William I. Boswell, J. R. Johnson, A. M. McCall, J. R. Baldoock, R. E. Baxter, J. T. Barker, E. W. Mayton, E. L. Wilkerson, A. G. Connally, J. W. Lafrom, J. E. Pollard, W. L. Hays, E. A. Callis and J. M. Hawkins. Clerk, E. L. Wilkerson; Financial Secretary, J. V. Barker; Treasurer, J. R. Baldoock. Trustees—William I. Boswell, J. R. Johnson, A. M. McCall, J. W. Lafrom, Organist, Miss Alice Raney; Assistant, Miss Maud Benson. Officers of the Sunday school were also elected. The Rev. J. K. Joffitt, pastor of High Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in his sermon last night on "The Trail of the Serpent," spoke strongly in denunciation of the liquor traffic. He expressed his joy over the anti-saloon victory in Lynchburg, and hopes that Petersburg would soon follow in the same line with a greater victory.

### CASE IS POSTPONED.

Tom Posey and Wife Will Have Hearing in February.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
MANASSAS, VA., December 7.—The trial of Tom Posey and his wife, Minnie Posey, for the murder of Edward Fair was to-day postponed until the February term. The judge ruled that the accused, who have been out on bail since the date of the finding of an indictment against them, were in court promptly at 10 o'clock this morning. They were arraigned, entered a plea of not guilty, and were allowed to renew their bonds. The case was continued, owing to the absence of a witness for the Commonwealth. This witness, a Mr. Beavers, was seriously injured a short time ago by a tree falling upon him.

Judge C. B. Nicol has been retained as counsel for Posey and his wife.

### Falls to Appear.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., December 7.—Miss Louise Merritt failing to appear before the grand jury to-day, and her father not being present, no indictment was returned against Augustus V. Evans, her alleged betrayer, and also an alleged bigamist, according to the reported statement of Miss Merritt. Under the conditions of the case, it was probably notified the Washington authorities to-day that they have no charge against Evans, and that he can be released.

## VETERAN FOUND DEAD IN CHAIR

Valiant Soldier Who at Various Times Saved the Day for His Comrades.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
STRASBURG, VA., December 7.—Cyrus Keister, a well known and influential citizen, was found seated dead in his chair last night. His family had been absent from the room only a few minutes. He had not been well since last summer, when he suffered a stroke on his farm. He served in the Confederate army throughout the conflict as bugler under General Munford. He is credited with having in several skirmishes saved the victory by rallying the men by blowing the charge sound in the face of defeat and without a command. He rallied the troops at Trevilian's Station, Va., by sounding to the men to charge, and won the battle.

He was a son of Henry Keister, a native of this place, and the last of his family. He is survived by a widow, who was Miss Frances Spangler, of Warren county, Va., and two children, Miss Mollie and Carlos Keister. He was sixty-five years old.

### COMPANY G HOLDS HALL.

Judge Barley Hands Down Decision in National Guard Case.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 7.—According to a decision handed down this morning by Judge L. C. Barley in the injunction proceedings in the case of Company G, First Virginia Regiment, against the Alexandria Light Infantry for the possession of Armory Hall, Company G will hold the hall until the litigation is finally settled by the courts. He also overrules all decrees. It is understood that the officers of the Alexandria Light Infantry will take the case to the State Court of Appeals.

Following the disbandment of the Alexandria Light Infantry last May the new company secured from the courts a temporary injunction restraining the old company from further using the hall. Since then the new company has been in possession of the hall.

### HELD FOR GRAND JURY.

Negro Is Accused of Attacking Young Girl.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 7.—Henry Mason, a negro, was charged with assaulting Miss Jessie Windsor, a sixteen-year-old girl, in the Police Court to-day. Miss Windsor testified that Saturday night about 7:30 o'clock she left home, 324 South Patrick Street, for a nearby grocery store, when she was accosted by Mason, who grabbed her. She screamed aloud. Notwithstanding this he grabbed her wrists, wrenching them, and took her to a nearby vacant lot, where he attacked her. The girl said she remembered nothing further until she was conveyed to her home.

Mason denied emphatically that he committed the act, although the girl said she was quite positive that he was the man. A white youth also testified that he believed Mason was the man. Mason was held for the action of the grand jury.



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## AGED PREACHER PREDICTS DEATH

Nonagenarian's Prophecy Is Fulfilled Within Few Hours of Its Making.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
STAUNTON, VA., December 7.—Rev. Jacob R. Hildebrand, in his younger days a Mennonite preacher, died Sunday afternoon at the home of his only son, Dr. M. C. Hildebrand, near Fishersville, over ninety years of age. Up to the time of his death he was said to have been the only living father of a Confederate soldier in this section. Within a week of his death he was walking about the house in fairly good health. Sunday he asked his son what day it was, and on being told it was Sunday, he remarked: "Well, I went to the dining-room last Sunday; this Sunday I will die." At 2 o'clock he had passed quietly away, without apparent cause.

### CHIEF BEFORE MINISTERS.

Crusade for Closed Sunday Will Be Started in Norfolk.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., December 7.—The Tidewater Ministerial Association of Ministers had Chief of Police Kiser before them this morning in reference to the proper observance of the State laws against the violation of Sunday, and it is understood that a crusade will be inaugurated in favor of the strict observance of the Sabbath. It is charged that scores of places are operating seven days in the week, and that other establishments allowed to remain open on Sunday are selling goods barred from sale on Sunday. All parties are silent as to the outcome of the conference, but it is understood that the ministers have named a committee to co-operate with Chief Kiser in enforcing the laws of the State.

### Shot Down by Companion.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., December 7.—One home is said in Norfolk because of the shooting down of a son. The fair occurred Saturday night about 10 o'clock, near the Norton Company's Upple, on the outskirts of the town. The name of the dead young man is Luther Meador, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Meador. The name of the young man who did the shooting, is Irvine Dean, about eighteen years of age, while Meador was probably three or four years older. Dean was given a preliminary hearing before the acting Mayor, and was sent to jail at Wise, the county seat.

Dean was shot three times, the balls entering his right side. He was immediately removed to his home and expired four hours later. There were one or two eye-witnesses to the tragedy, and it seems that there was no provocation whatever. Only a few short words—which could not be cited before a liquor and a ready gun, tell the tale. Dean went to his home after he had killed his man, went to bed and was arrested there by the officers. He appeared greatly shocked when told what he had done the night before, and the impression is that he did not know what he was doing.

### QUALITY THE SAME.

But Hood River Apples Bring Three Times as Much as Crozet Fruit.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CROZET, VA., December 7.—Dr. S. W. Fletcher, director of the Virginia State Experiment Station at Blacksburg, Va., formerly horticulturist for the State of Washington, and Professor Price, horticulturist at Blacksburg, Va., under the auspices of the Crozet Fruit Growers' Association gave a lecture at the High School building on fruit culture with stereopticon views, illustrating the methods of culture in the celebrated Hood River Valley in the State of Oregon. The stereopticon views were fine illustrations of cultivation, pruning and spraying the orchards and boxing the fruit for market. Dr. Fletcher had sample boxes of several varieties—Spitzenburg, Delicious, Grimes Golden and Jonathan—to show the actual results of the methods adopted in Hood River.

The Crozet Fruit Growers also had samples of varieties grown here—winesap, Albemarle pippin, Jonathan, Ben Davis and other kinds—and it was conceded by Dr. Fletcher that the fruit grown at Crozet is equal to, if not superior to, Hood River.

The Hood River apples sold in New York City at \$5.50 per bushel box, while Crozet apples sell in the same market at \$2.50 per barrel of three bushels, or three times as much for the Hood River apples as the Crozet apple brings, although the Virginia fruit is superior in color, appearance, flavor, aroma, etc. Superior methods of packing and advertising in the markets have brought about the results achieved by the Hood River growers. Crozet has the advantage of proximity of the market. While Hood River growers have to ship 3,000 miles, Crozet can reach the same market in 300 miles. It takes three times the amount of freight to market the Hood

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The lectures were attended by a large gathering of fruit growers, and they were much appreciated by them. Mr. Walter Whately, secretary of the Virginia Horticultural Society, was chairman of the meeting, and extended a vote of thanks offered by Mr. Russell Bargamin to Dr. Fletcher and Professor Price, which was carried by an unanimous vote. Among the visitors from other sections of the county were Dr. McCue, of Greenwood, and Mr. William Rhodes, of Afton.

### Campaign Growing Warm.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SOUTH BOSTON, VA., December 7.—Mrs. Nannie Curtis, who is known as the silver-tongued orator of Texas, made a strong address on temperance, under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League, at the Temple Theatre Sunday afternoon to men only. President R. S. Barbour presided, and the speaker was introduced by Hon. Joseph Stebbins, Sr. Five hundred men were present, and when asked "who would cast the vote which would protect the fire-side," near-

ly the entire audience arose. Mrs. Curtis addressed fully 500 ladies and gentlemen on Sunday evening also, and ladies only at the Baptist Church on Monday morning. She was cordially received here.

Much enthusiasm is being manifested here over the local option election which will be held on December 31st, and the "wet" or "dry" question is the daily theme of conversation among all classes.

### Store Is Burglarized.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BOYDTON, VA., December 7.—Burglars entered the dry goods store of A. Pine, in this place, Saturday night, by forcing open the back door. They attempted to bore through the floor, but gave this up and burst open the door. Mr. Pine is unable to tell what amount of goods was stolen. He thinks the thieves were after money. No clue has been gotten as to the perpetrators of the crime.

### Orders for Cars.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., December 7.—The Norfolk and Western has given orders for the construction of 308 coal cars by the local shops, the first order for new work for a year.

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